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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section of the specification as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/378,411 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,922,507 B2) entitled "Low-Loss Integrated Optical Coupler and Optical Switch", filed March 03, 2003, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.  
This patent application is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,532,090 entitled "Wavelength selective cross-connect with reduced complexity", issued March 11, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This patent application is also related to U.S. Patent 6,519,059 entitled "Wavelength division add/drop multiplexer", issued February 11, 2003 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/378,411 entitled "Low-Loss Integrated Optical Coupler and Optical Switch" filed March 03, 2003, which are both is herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.